



Attorney Docket No. MP/84

3308

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Initial Application of:
CAMPBELL ET AL.

) Group Art Unit: 3308
)
) Examiner: Milano, M.

Serial No. 08/499,423 ✓

Filed: July 7, 1995

For: INTERIOR LINER FOR TUBES, PIPES
AND BLOOD CONDUITS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED

MAR 18 1997

GROUP 3300

Certificate of Mailing: I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this date March 4, 1997.

Melanee Williams

Melanee Williams

Mar 4, 1997

Name of person mailing paper

Signature of person mailing paper

Date of mailing

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/ELECTION OF SPECIES

Dear Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the communication from the Examiner dated February 4, 1997.

The Applicants' previously elected the claims of Group I, Species I in response to the previous restriction requirement. The Examiner has now required one election to be made from each of the following sub-species:

Sub-species A: i) Claim 17 to a tapered tube
ii) Claim 18 to a branched tube

Sub-species B i) Claims 20, 50, 56, 62 and 68 to securement by sutures
ii) Claims 21, 51, 57, 63 and 69 to securement by a stent

The Applicants' elect the claims of Sub-species A (i), Claim 17, and Sub-species B (i), Claims 20, 50, 56, 62 and 68 for prosecution at this time. Applicants intend to file a divisional application to the non-elected claims in the immediate future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne D. House

Wayne D. House, 34,623
W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc.
551 Paper Mill Road
P.O. Box 9206
Newark, DE 19714-9206
(520) 526-3030

Date: 4 MAR. 1997



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
CAMPBELL ET AL.

Serial No. 08/499,423

Filed: July 7, 1995

For: INTERIOR LINER FOR TUBES, PIPES
AND BLOOD CONDUITS

) Group Art Unit: 3308

) Examiner: Milano, M.

)

)

)

)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Certificate of Mailing: I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this date March 4, 1997.

Melanee WilliamsMelanee WilliamsMar. 4, 1997

Name of person mailing paper

Signature of person mailing paper

Date of mailing

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated February 4, 1997, we enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement/Election of Species (1 page)

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne D. House

Wayne D. House 34,623
W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc.
551 Paper Mill Road
P.O. Box 9206
Newark, DE 19714-9206
(520) 526-3030

Date: 4 MARCH 1997